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the Institution, in your box, if still in
time, by mail otherwise.

Just now I am hesitating, whether
to run across the continent to Berlin
& Rostock, or to get back straight to
Kew. For I think he should
come home in October, on my own
accounts. Could you leave whether
this would, or the other, suit dear
Goodale's wishes, or not? For I
suppose he should come about a
year hence, & in that case I ought
to be with him some months before
that.

Your wife of course addresses
to Kew.

Your last letter I
received, & chiefly admired, at
Geneva.

I think I asked you
to send your photo - small size -
& Palmer's, to DeCaille - who has
him all, if I mistake, copied in envelopes.
Pray drop a line now & then, to

Yours sincerely
Asa Gray

Hôtel St. Roumain, Paris,
May 21, 1881

My dear Nelson

I am not great in letter
writing when wandering round the
world. Mrs. Gray sends a regular
journal to her sister, Prof. Jackson's
mother, and he can always tell
of our movements.

Coming out of Italy (a week
after the Hooker left us, at Venice)
by way of Milan & the Lakes, and
over the Snowy Simiplon, & in a
rather used-up state, we had a
week of delightful weather, delight-
ful iteration, and delightful
friends at Geneva, where, too, I
did some historical work, taking
up some dropped stock stitches, &
and then we came on in one
day to Paris. I have now to
regret that, having a day at
Padua, I was so much out of histori-
cal training that I did not devote

few hours which would have sufficed, to Bosc's Museum, in which (as I now find and ought to have known) are the originals of some species of *Ranunculus*, etc. etc. described by Poir. etc. But the poor luck I had there with Bosc's species of *Torax*, 12 years before, quite threw me off the track.

Here, in Poiré's own Museum - poor enough, ~~and poor~~ in comparison with Mogen Jandri's & so with Corron's, I find scraps of a number of his things. At the Jardin des Plantes, in Nat. Histoire, I find & have still to look up various originals, which ~~are~~ have been more or less identified. I shall have time to search for some of these odd & dead ones, for Mrs. Gray wants about a week still in Paris, this week I can

inter-spark with some flamboyance & right-seeing, for which the steam & weather are at length auspicious. P. S. Yesterday we went to a fine horticultural exposition, got off by St. J. of Jorona, of which Lavallee is the President. And the day before I attended a meeting of the Acad. des Sciences, with discussion.

I post two parcels of pamphlets to-day thus getting them out of the way.

Dr. Corron says he owes me for some things I await an account, but I believe a set of Delme's new atlas collection, not yet come, is a principal portion.

I find Corron has not your Index of *Phyllozoua*. As he has been very liberal to our Museum & I have promised him it shall be sent to him,